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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2005 for one(1) month(s) from October 19, 2005 to November 19, 2005. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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